

In addition to all that he has done, Dr. Brauer has received several appointments with Baylor College of Medicine and the University of Texas. Throughout his long and distinguished career he has served on several committees and boards, published many articles, and won numerous honors and awards.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Dr. Brauer on his tireless efforts toward improving the plastic surgery profession, his many achievements and service to our country. Dr. Brauer is an integral part of the Houston community and has made many strides in the field of medicine. This honor reflects the widespread recognition within the plastic surgery community of Dr. Brauer's important and diverse contributions to the profession. His voice has been a powerful one for those seeking self-enhancement, as well as the professionals strive to improve their patient's quality of life.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CARLOS  
ELIAS AND ANDREA ARESE-ELIAS

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to be able to recognize an amazing couple that resides in my district in Colorado. Carlos Elias and Andrea Arese-Elias of Grand Junction are amazing musicians who have taken their passion to the highest level. Through their hard work and dedication to perfection, they have achieved true excellence in their fields—Carlos on the violin and Andrea on the piano. In recognition of their talent and commitment, the couple has recently had the privilege of performing at Carnegie Hall.

Carlos and Andrea began their career in their respective countries of El Salvador and Argentina. Carlos studied the violin at the National Center of the Arts in San Salvador, and at the age of 16, became the youngest violinist to enter the El Salvador Symphony Orchestra. In addition, in 1986 Carlos had the honor of representing El Salvador in the World Philharmonic Orchestra in Brazil. Carlos also holds many degrees in violin performance and artistry including a Master's Degree from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. Andrea began studying the piano at the Musical Conservatory in Argentina. She has been performing since the age of eleven and has her Masters and PhD from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music.

After performing all over the world, the couple has settled down to raise their family in Grand Junction, Colorado. Carlos and Andrea are valued members of Mesa State College where Carlos is on the faculty of the Music Department. Carlos is the Director of Strings and the College Orchestra as well as Concertmaster of the Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra, providing his expertise and experience to the members of the orchestra. The couple also plays another important and vital role; they are the loving parents of two children, Briana who is five, and Melissa who is one and a half years old.

Mr. Speaker, I imagine the chance to play Carnegie Hall is the dream of every musician and I am proud that Carlos Elias and Andrea Arese-Elias's have had the opportunity to bask

in this honor. They truly deserve this great opportunity and it is their hard work and dedication to achieving the highest level of excellence that I wish to bring to the attention of this body of Congress, and nation. Congratulations Andrea and Elias, and good luck in your future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MASTER SERGEANT  
RICHARD W. PETRONE

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Master Sergeant Richard W. Petrone, who retired from the New York Army National Guard on September 30, 2001, with more than thirty-one years of exemplary service to our nation. It is my pleasure to honor him here today.

Mr. Petrone has enjoyed a long career in public service. He worked with New York Police Department for 23 years, and served in the U.S. Army Reserve for more than two years.

Among several positions at the National Guard, Mr. Petrone served as Chief Training Instructor at the 106th Regiment Headquarters Regional Training Institute. There, he was instrumental in organizing and supervising several outstanding programs, which garnered the Institute several certificates of accreditation. As Battalion Communications Chief with the 206 Corps Support Battalion, Master Sergeant Petrone enacted programs to make the unit act in a more coordinated and efficient fashion. This contributed to a more effective communications program throughout the command.

For his service, Mr. Petrone has received several awards, including the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the New York State Military Commendation Medal, and the New York State Medal for Humane Service.

For his commitment to his community, his State, and his Country, it is my privilege to congratulate Master Sergeant Richard W. Petrone on this special occasion.

TRIBUTE TO NICOLE LOVE

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a distinguished young lady for attaining the Girl Scout Gold Award. Nicole Love, the daughter of Diane Love, is a member of Senior Girl Scout Troop #349 located in Griffith, Indiana. She will receive this honor at a Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony on May 16, 2002 at The Center on the campus of Purdue University Calumet, in Hammond, Indiana. This is the highest award in Girl Scouting and it is earned when the girls are committed to working towards the goals they set for themselves. I am honored to have the opportunity to congratulate Nicole for her success, for I know that she has grown during this pursuit.

Additionally, Nicole attained the Gold Award in conjunction with her academic achievement at Griffith High School. She will graduate this June and plans to attend college.

Troop #349 is part of the Girl Scouts of the Calumet Council, which serves girls in Whiting, East Chicago, Hammond, Highland, Munster, Griffith, Schererville, St. John, and Dyer in the State of Indiana and Lansing, Lynwood, Calumet City, and Burnham in the State of Illinois. The Council was chartered in 1954 and operates two program centers that serve over 5,700 adults and girls.

A special significance is attached to the title of Girl Scout Gold Award, a significance that accompanies a young woman throughout her life. As she pursues endeavors in higher education, business, industry and community service, she carries with her the lofty goal of success through leadership. To qualify for the Gold Award, each Girl Scout has had to fulfill rigorous requirements in the areas of leadership, career interest and service. Upon completing the above requirements, a prospective Gold Award candidate must find and complete a project that fulfills a need in the community. Nicole's Gold Award Project involved coordinating a sports weekend for Junior Girl Scouts called "Sports n' More" in October 2001. Over 3,500 Senior Girl Scouts design, implement, and complete Gold Award projects each year. Nicole can be very proud of the success that she has achieved through hard work and dedication to serving her community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Nicole Love for her commendable achievement. Her mother can be proud of her daughter because it takes a great deal of tenacity and devotion to achieve such an illustrious award. This young lady has a promising future ahead of her, which will undoubtedly include improving the quality of life in Indiana's First Congressional District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district on May 14, 2002. Had I been present and voting, I would have voted:

Yea on Rollcall # 161  
Yea on Rollcall # 160  
Yea on Rollcall # 159

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JAKE  
SATTERWHITE

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 2002*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I take this opportunity to honor the life and memory of Jake Satterwhite of Craig, Colorado. Jake was tragically taken from us at the age of thirteen in a car accident in August of 2001. Although he was very young when he passed away, he touched many lives in the Craig community during his